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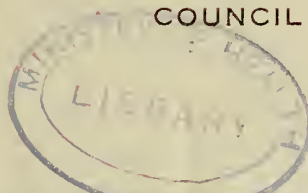
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ASHBURTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
- ANNUAL REPORT - 1950 -

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to submit the Medical Officer's report for the year 1950. As I was not appointed as your Medical Officer until 1st. January, 1951 this report will be confined to Vital Statistics.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

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| Area of District (in acres) | 6,781. |
| Population - Mid 1950 - | 2,656. |
| Number of inhabited houses (as at 1st. April, 1950.) approx. | 1,006. |
| Rateable value on 1st. April, 1950 | £14,543. |
| Rateable value on 31st. December, 1950 | £15,052. |
| Product of penny rate (as at 1st. April, 1950). | £ 55. |

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

The following table shows that the Birth rate for the District remains below that for England and Wales.

LIVE BIRTHS.

| | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Legitimate. | 22 | 15 | 37 |
| Illegitimate. | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | --- | --- | --- |
| | 23 | 16 | 39 |
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Live Birth rate per 1000 total population - 14.71.
 Corresponding rate for England and Wales - 15.8.

STILL BIRTHS.

| | Male. | Female. | Total. |
|--|---------|---------|--------|
| Legitimate | 1 | - | 1 |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |
| Still Birth rate per 1000 total population | - 0.37. | | |
| Still Birth rate per 1000 total live & still births | - 25. | | |
| Still birth rate per 1000 total live & still births (England & Wales) | - 22.7 | | |

It will be seen from this table that the Still Birth rate for this District is above that for England and Wales as a whole.

DEATHS.

The death rate for the area remains higher than that for England and Wales.

| | Male. | Female. | Total. |
|--|----------|---------|--------|
| | 24 | 19 | 43 |
| Death rate per 1000 resident population | - 16.22. | | |
| Death rate per 1000 resident population (England and Wales) | - 11.6. | | |

Infant Mortality (Deaths of Infants under One year of age)

| | Male. | Female. | Total. |
|---|---------|---------|--------|
| Legitimate. | 1 | - | 1 |
| Illegitimate. | - | - | - |
| Infant Mortality Rate (Death of Infants under one year) per 1000 live births | - 25.6. | | |
| Corresponding rate for England and Wales | - 29.8. | | |

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of death in 1950, as supplied by the Registrar General.

| | M. | F. |
|-------------------|----|----|
| All causes | 24 | 19 |

Infectious Causes.

| | M. | F. |
|-------------------------------|----|----|
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 1 | 1 |
| Poliomyelitis | 1 | - |
| Pneumonia | 2 | - |

Other Causes.

| | | |
|--|-----------|----------|
| Heart and Blood Vessels | 6 | 7 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage | 2 | 2 |
| Cancer | 3 | 6 |
| Bronchitis | 1 | - |
| Nephritis | 1 | - |
| Diabetes | 1 | - |
| Accidents (other than motor accidents) ... | 1 | - |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... | 2 | 3 |
| Ulcer of Stomach | 1 | - |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate | 2 | - |
| | ---24,--- | ---19--- |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diseases notified during the year, were:-

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Scarlet Fever | 1 |
| Measles | 3 |
| Poliomyelitis | 3 |
| Tuberculosis (Pulmonary) | 3. |

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